

**PATENT**

**Applicant:** Regnell et al.

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**Title:** Transseptal Needle

**Group Art Unit:** 3731

**Examiner:** Nguyen

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

**Mail Stop Amendment**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**DATED APRIL 4, 2007**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 4, 2007, in which the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-50 and 68-74, drawn to a needle assembly, and
- II. Claims 51-67, drawn to a method of assembling a needle assembly;

applicant provisionally elects invention I (claims 1-50 and 68-74) without traverse for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention(s).

Early and favorable consideration of the elected invention are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be

associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

April 14, 2007

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